

A pair of Scarlet Robins (*Petroeca multicolor*) were moving about just to the west of the Red-capped Robins' territory. The Red-capped Robins appeared to resent their presence, but made no active attempt to drive them off.

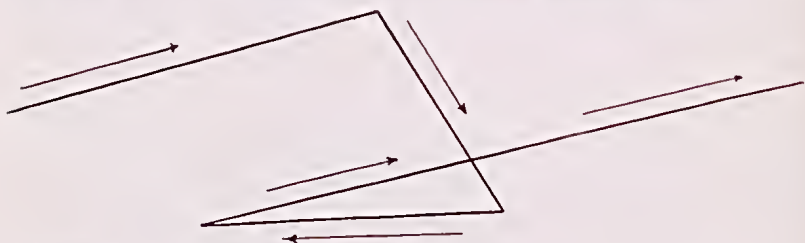
Later attempts to locate the Red-capped Robins failed.

Although the evidence obtained is incomplete in a number of respects, it appears reasonably certain that the birds were: (a) holding territory, and (b) feeding young.

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Re-discovery of the Ground Parrot at the Bow River.—It is a pleasure to be able to record the continued existence in this State of the Ground Parrot (*Pezoporus wallicus*) which in the *Handbook of the Birds of Western Australia* (Serventy and Whittell) is referred to as possibly extinct locally. The last recorded individuals were seen by Mr. F. Lawson Whitlock in wet blackboy flats around Denmark in 1913.

I spent the Christmas holidays in a walking tour around the south coast. On December 17 at 8 a.m. I started to walk from Bow River to Peaceful Bay, 6 miles away, the general locality being about 25 miles west of Denmark. In the first mile or two the country was typical coastal jarrah formation with sheoak and an odd karri. Then the track came to flat semi-swamp black sand with paperbarks, etc. The road had been graded leaving wide spoon drains on either side, black and damp. Ahead of me I suddenly noticed a small parrot walking in the drain. It was larger than a Budgerygah and smaller than a Twenty-eight, with a dark grey or brownish back and the side of the breast seemed to be a light green and yellow. It had a long tail. When I moved the bird flew on a little way, the wing form being like that of a dotterel with a yellow band showing the full length of the wing. As I walked along I again disturbed the bird and it, with three others, flew off about 20 feet above the ground in a very erratic manner, thus:



I did not see the birds again. I had not noticed the other three birds until they rose. I mentioned the incident to Mr. H. T. Saw, an old Bow River resident, and he was surprised "that I should have seen these birds again." Mr. Saw was living in the district when Sydney William Jackson collected here in 1912-13 and saw one individual of the Ground Parrot (*W.A. Nat.*, vol. 3, 1952, p. 75).

—J. W. BAGGS, Victoria Park.